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To All Employees

It has been almost two months since classes were suspended in Frontier School Division, and learning apart from each other began. This transition has not been without challenges, but staff have continued to provide education in creative and unique ways and should be commended for their continued efforts.

When we began this journey we expected to be back in regular classes in a month or two. It has become obvious that will not be the case. On April 29 our Premier announced that beginning May 4 our province would begin to reopen some businesses but with many restrictions. In that same news conference he said this phase will go almost to the beginning of June, and with only the last month of school left, they are not entertaining reopening schools at this time. Since that comment, most government officials are not expecting schools to reopen for classes this year.

Convocation Ceremonies and Graduation Celebrations

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, it does not seem possible to hold convocation ceremonies and celebrate graduation this spring as we have traditionally done in the past. Nor is it expected that our current restrictions on public gatherings will have changed a great deal by the end of June. Therefore, Frontier School Division is advising Safe Grad Committees to defer celebrations. Area Superintendents and Principals are advised to connect with their Graduation Committees to determine how they may want to recognize their graduates while following public stated guidelines. Many unique ideas have been proposed, such as lawn signs recognizing "A Graduate Lives Here", sending a cap and gown to each graduate's home and having a picture taken, awarding the graduation certificate at each graduate's home, etc. We encourage each individual community to recognize their graduates this June as they choose, while adhering to the current public health guidelines.

Playgrounds

The government also announced that as of May 4 recreation facilities like playgrounds may reopen if people maintain a distance of two metres. However, Frontier School Division will keep playgrounds closed until further notice given we are unable to supervise children to ensure physical distancing is adhered to nor are we able to sanitize the playground after each use.

Again I would like to thank everyone for your efforts as we make our way through this pandemic. Please follow the guidelines as set out by public health officials in order to remain safe.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Reg Klassen
Chief Superintendent

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